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What is claimed is:

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- 1. A device for wirelessly transmitting and receiving audio and video data, comprising:

 a means for receiving a transmission stream having data formatted into distinct packets
 that includes at least one PID and an associated PSI, including a PAT, a PMT, a CAT and a
 NIT; and
- a means for demultiplexing the PSI based upon one or more PID assignments to unique transport packets; and
- a means for reassembling the PSI in accordance with a RTP data flow; and a means for encapsulating the RTP data flow into one or more IP packets with corresponding multicast addresses; and
 - a means for communicating the reassembled transport stream.
- 2. The wireless device in claim 1, wherein the means for communicating comprises a WLAN.
- 3. The wireless device in claim 1, wherein the means for reassembling the PSI includes a means for inserting a multicasting IP address for each associated PMT.
- 4. The wireless device in claim 3, wherein the PMT points to a program addressed by the multicasting IP address.
 - 5. The wireless device in claim 3, wherein the means for inserting a multicasting IP address for each associated PMT includes a means to calculate a CRC.
- 6. The wireless device in claim 3, wherein the PSI contains a descriptor field in which the multicasting IP address is stored.
 - 7. The wireless device in claim 3, wherein the PSI is re-formed from the PAT and the PMT.
- 30 8. The wireless device in claim 1, wherein the PSI contains a flag to indicate that the PSI is unchanged from a prior transmission.
 - 9. The wireless device in claim 1, wherein the PSI contains a flag to indicate that the PSI is changed from a prior transmission.

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10. A mobile terminal adapted to wirelessly receive audio and video program data, comprising:

a means for receiving a transmission stream having data formatted into one or more distinct packets that include at least one multicasting IP address and an associated PSI, including a PAT and a PMT;

a means for demultiplexing the PSI based upon one or more multicasting IP address assignments to unique transport packets in accordance with a RTP data flow;

a means for extracting a multicast address

a means for receiving a transmission stream associated with the multicast address.

- 11. The mobile terminal in claim 10, wherein the receiving means comprises means for receiving data according to the IEEE 802.11 standards.
- 12. A method for mapping MPEG-2 TS into an IP-based RTP/UDP/IP stack comprising the steps of:

receiving a transmission stream having data formatted into distinct packets that include at least one PID and associated PSI, including a PAT and a PMT;

demultiplexing the PSI based upon one or more PID assignments to unique transport packets;

reassembling the PSI in accordance with an RTP data flow encapsulating the RTP data flow into IP packets with a multicast address communicating reassembled transport stream over a WLAN.

13. A method for mapping MPEG-2 TS into an IP-based RTP/UDP/IP stack comprising the steps of:

receiving a transmission stream having data formatted into distinct packets that include at least one PID and an associated PSI, including a PAT and a PMT; and

demultiplexing the PSI based upon one or more PID assignments to unique transport packets in accordance with an RTP data flow; and

extracting a multicast address; and assembling a video program associated with the multicast address.

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14. A method of decoding a digitally compressed video stream that has been packetized and transmitted over a packet-based network in a sequence of packets, the method comprising the steps of:

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receiving packets associated with at least one multicasting IP address and associated PSI, including a PAT and a PMT;

determining which transmitted packets associated with the PSI based upon a PID assignment to unique transport packets in accordance with an RTP data flow; and a means for extracting a multicast address; and

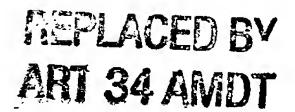
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a means for receiving a transmission stream associated with the multicast address.

15. A computer readable medium for mapping MPEG-2 into an IP-based RTP/UDP/IP stack having stored thereon one or more data structure selected from the group comprising of: one distinct packet that includes at least one first field containing an IP multicast address, a second field representing a PAT and an associated PMT; a third field containing data representing an RTP head and a fourth field containing data representing a program.

- 16. The computer readable medium for mapping in claim 15, wherein the PSI further contains a flag to indicate that the PSI is unchanged from a prior transmission.
- 20 17. The computer readable medium for mapping in claim 15, wherein the PSI further contains a flag to indicate that the PSI is changed from a prior transmission.



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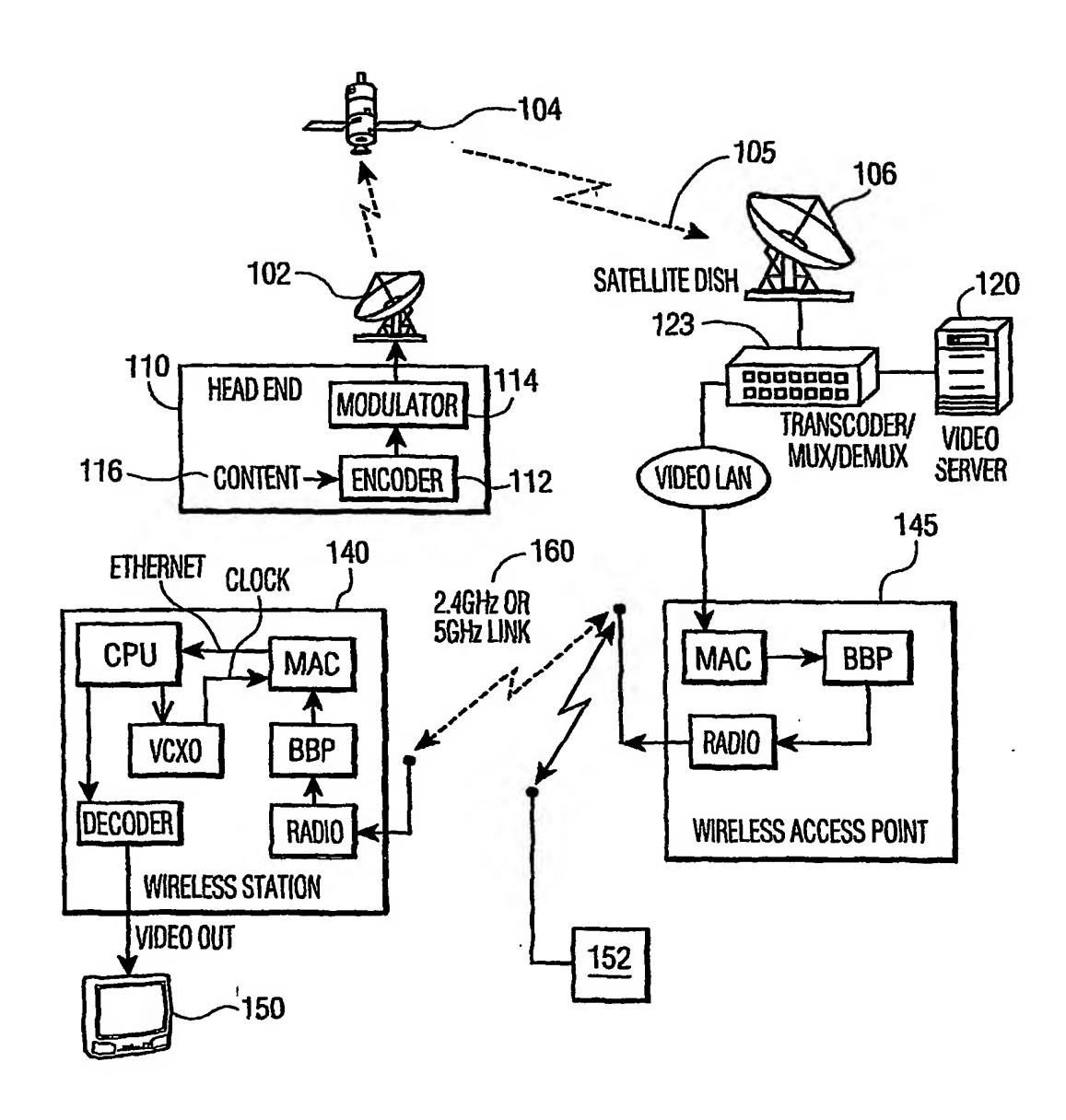


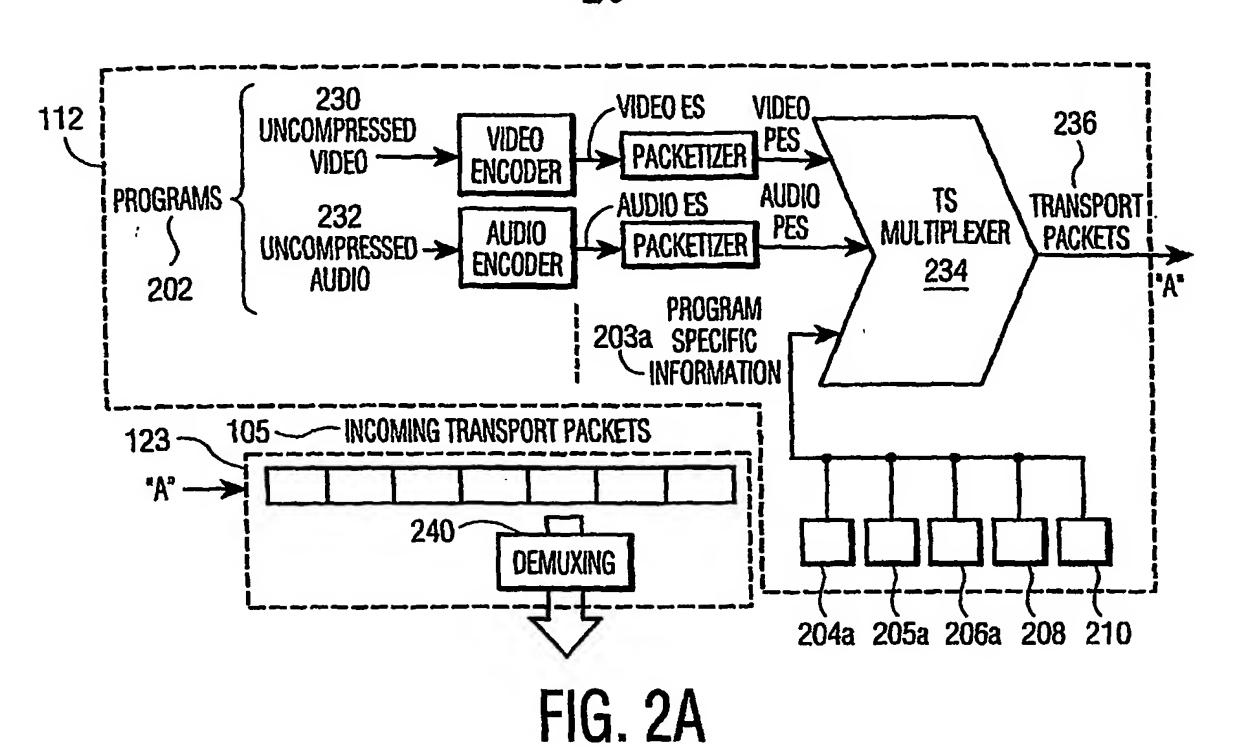
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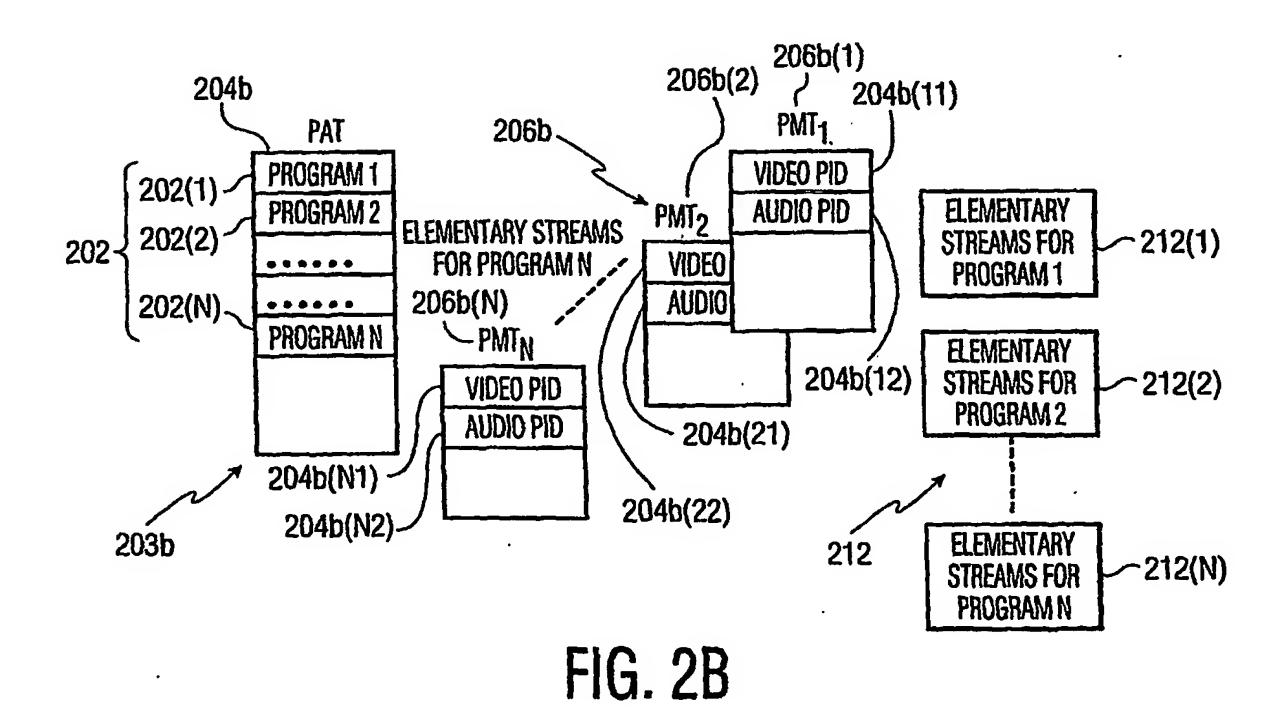
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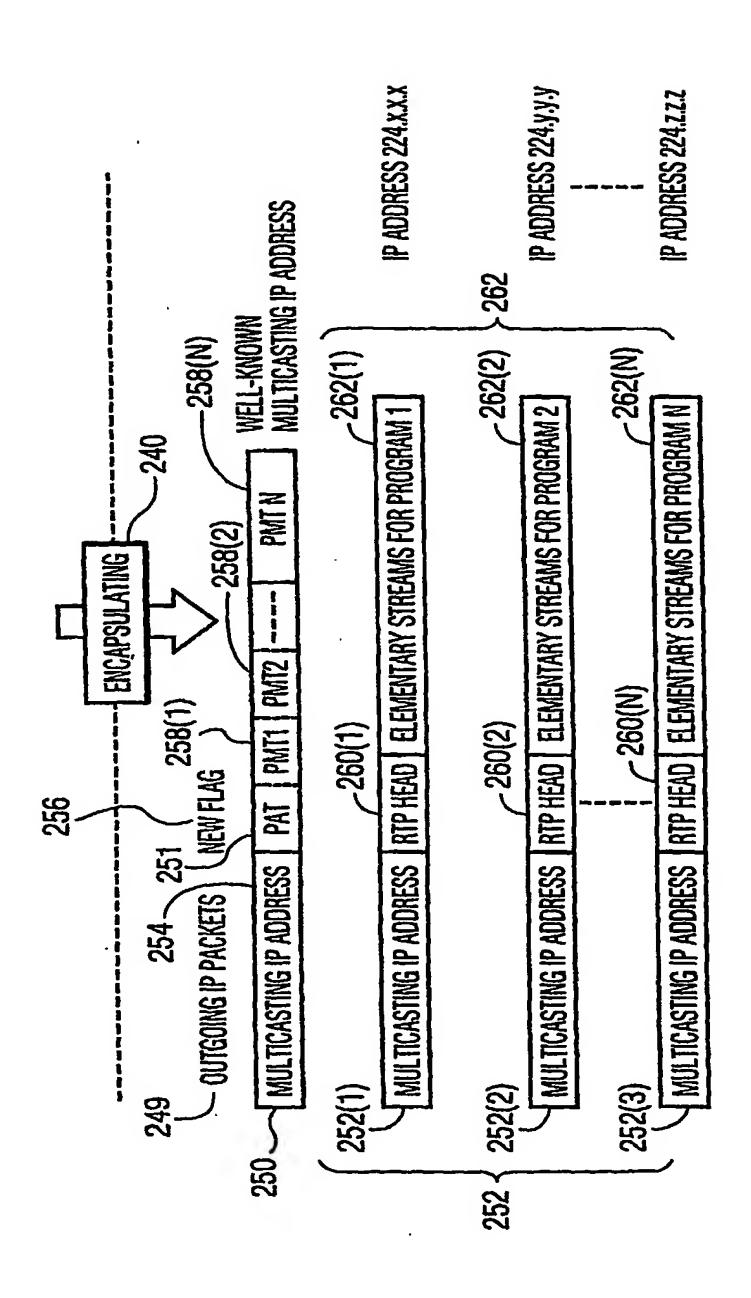


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